

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Important information about uniform

At Aspire Academy, we maintain **high standards** in appearance and conduct. Our uniform policy is vital for fostering **equality, reducing peer pressure, and ensuring a safe and focused learning environment**. This letter clearly outlines our expectations for the upcoming academic year, starting **September 2025**, with **no exceptions or 'grey areas'**. Please review the full uniform list for boys and girls on the reverse of this letter to ensure your child is fully prepared for September.

Our Expectations: Clear & Non-Negotiable

- **Full Uniform Required:** Your child must wear the **full Academy uniform correctly at all times**, including blazers, ties, and shirts worn properly.
- **Daily Checks:** Staff will conduct daily uniform checks every morning before students enter the Academy. Non-compliance will be addressed immediately.
- **Approved Suppliers Only:** Uniform items must be purchased from **Bispham Clothing** or **Ragamuffins**. Any items not on our official list are not permitted. This avoids costly mistakes and ensures consistency.
- **Immediate Consequences for Non-Compliance:** If your child arrives in incorrect, incomplete, or unsafe uniform, they **will be sent to the Standards Room to change**. Alternatively, they **may be sent home to correct the issue**, resulting in a **one-hour detention** for missed learning. In some cases, they may be placed in our **Impact Unit** until the issue is resolved.
- **No Unauthorised Notes/Items:** We **will not accept handwritten notes from home** as excuses for incorrect uniform. Fashion items or substitutions are **not allowed**. All uniform communication must be through official Academy channels (phone, email, or our platform).

Key Policy Changes & Specific Details for September 2025

Please pay **very close attention** to these explicit clarifications for **school uniform**:

- **Girls' Tights:** If wearing a skirt, students **must wear plain black tights, minimum 70 denier**. Socks are **NOT permitted, nor are they to be worn over tights**.
- **School Shoes:** Shoes **must be plain black, polishable, and fully enclosed**. They must be leather or a similar sturdy material. **No mesh fabric or open-toes are allowed**. While **plain black Air Force 1s are permitted** (provided they are entirely black, polishable, and have no mesh), **all other trainers, sports-style footwear, and boots are strictly NOT allowed**.

- **PE Kit:**
 - **Only Aspire PE shorts are permitted.** Plain black shorts or shorts with external logos are **not allowed**.
 - **Year 8-11 students can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms** (no logos, no cargo styles) or, for girls, **plain black leggings** (fully black, no logos, mesh, or see-through panels).
 - **If students arrive in incorrect PE attire, they will be required to change** into school-provided Aspire PE shorts, tracksuit pants, or leggings.
 - **Tights are NOT to be worn during PE lessons.**
- **Skirts & Defiance:** Rolling up skirts to shorten them is strictly **NOT permitted**. This is a deliberate uniform breach and will be treated as an act of defiance, leading to disciplinary action. **Repeated defiance may result in your child being required to wear trousers.**
- **Additional Layers:** Hoodies, light jackets, or tracksuit tops are **NOT permitted** under school shirts or blazers.
- **Jewellery:** Only **one pair of small, plain stud earrings** (gold or silver, in the ear lobe only) and **one wrist watch** are allowed. Smartwatches are **NOT permitted**. All other jewellery, **including facial/body piercings (even with clear retainers), rings, necklaces, bracelets, and large/decorative earrings, are strictly prohibited**. If your child is considering a new piercing, please ensure it is done with enough healing time before term starts, as **healing time is NOT a valid reason for breaking this policy**.
- **Nails:** Acrylic, gel, false nails, and any nail polish (including clear) are **NOT permitted**. Nails must be clean, natural, and neatly trimmed.
- **Eyelashes & Eyebrows:** False eyelashes of any kind (strip, individual, magnetic, extensions) are **strictly prohibited**. Students must maintain **natural eyelashes**. **No drawn-on eyebrows** are permitted; students must maintain **natural eyebrows**.
- **Hair:** Hair must be clean, tidy, and appropriate. **Extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours** (e.g., bright pink, red, green, blue) are **NOT permitted**. Hair accessories must be simple and in school colours (purple, black, or white). **Decorative hair pieces like beads and bows are NOT permitted**.
- **Make-up & Fake Tan:** Only **discreet, subtle make-up** (e.g., light foundation, minimal mascara, natural lip colour) is allowed. **Heavy, theatrical, or brightly coloured make-up is NOT permitted**. Fake tan should be discreet.

Our Uniform Policy Matters

Our policy underpins a professional learning environment, promoting **high standards, equality, safety, and focus by eliminating distractions**.

Our Partnership with Parents

By enrolling your child, you agree to support all Academy policies. We are here to support your child's success and will communicate openly. For any policy questions, please contact **a member of the Senior Leadership Team**.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support in upholding Aspire Academy's high standards.
Yours sincerely,

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Boys Uniform

Compulsory Uniform Items	Additional Information
Black blazer	Blazer with the Aspire logo.
White shirt	Long or short-sleeve shirt. The top button of the shirt must be fastened.
Purple tie	The length of the tie must be worn to the waist.
Plain black trousers	Tailored school trousers. No flares/bootleg, cords, cargo, cotton denim or skinny leg.
Black shoes	Plain black leather-look shoe. (Fully Black Air Force ones are permitted) No canvas trainers, boots or contrasting soles. See Wynsors approved style list.
School bag	A plain coloured rucksack. The bag must be large enough to fit the A4 Knowledge Organiser and booklet inside.
Optional Uniform Items	Additional Information
Aspire V-neck grey jumper	The jumper must not replace the blazer. The blazer must be worn at all times.
Outdoor coat	Suitable outdoor coat. No denim or leather/leather look jackets. Outdoor coats should not be worn in the main building.

Compulsory PE Items	Additional Information
Aspire polo shirt	
Aspire shorts OR Aspire tracksuit pants	No alternative black shorts are permitted. (Year 8 – 11- Students can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms - no logos or cargo styles); those who arrive in incorrect attire will be required to change into Aspire PE shorts.

Optional PE Items	Additional Information
Aspire PE zip-up top *IF PUPILS DO NOT HAVE THE ZIP-UP TOP, THEY MUST WEAR THEIR BLAZER	No hoody or other non-Aspire jumper. The Aspire purple hoody is no longer permitted
Football boots/shin pads	
Aspire football socks	

Girls Uniform

Compulsory Uniform Items	Additional Information
Black blazer	Blazer with the Aspire logo.
White shirt	Long or short-sleeve shirt. The top button of the shirt must be fastened.
Purple tie	The length of the tie must be worn to the waist.
Aspire skirt OR plain black trousers	Skirt must not be rolled up. Tailored school trousers. No flares/bootleg, cords, cargo, cotton denim or skinny leg.
Black shoes	Plain black leather-look shoe. (Air Force ones are permitted) No canvas trainers, boots or contrasting soles. See Wynsors approved style list.
Black tights	Minimum 70 denier tights. No knee length socks or socks worn over tights.
School bag	A plain coloured rucksack or large plain black tote bag. The bag must be large enough to fit the A4 Knowledge Organiser and booklet inside.

Optional Uniform Items	Additional Information
Aspire V-neck grey jumper	The jumper must not replace the blazer. The blazer must be worn at all times.
Outdoor coat	This should be plain dark colour. No denim or leather/leather look jackets. Outdoor coats should not be worn in the main building.
Hijab/headscarves	Plain hijab in academy colours: purple, black or white.

Compulsory PE Items	Additional Information
Aspire polo shirt	
Aspire Shorts OR Aspire tracksuit pants OR Aspire leggings.	No skorts. No cycling shorts. No alternative black shorts are permitted. (Year 8-11 Girls may wear plain black leggings or tracksuit pants; leggings must be fully black with no logos, mesh, or see-through panels, and tracksuit pants must be plain with no cargo or flared styles). If students arrive in incorrect attire, they will be required to change into Aspire track pants or leggings provided by the school.

***No tights to be worn during PE lessons.**

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Jewellery	Additional Information
One pair of small stud earrings	Plain gold or silver colour studs. No hoop earrings. Ear lobe piercing only.
One wrist watch	No smart watches (as per the personal devices policy)
	No bracelets
	No necklaces
	No rings

Makeup/ Fake Tan	Additional Information
<p>Discreet make-up is permitted, provided it is reasonable, subtle, and does not draw undue attention. Staff will assess make-up on a case-by-case basis, considering whether it is appropriate for a school setting.</p> <p>The use of fake tan is discouraged and should be discreet if applied.</p> <p>Any student whose appearance is deemed by staff to be distracting or inappropriate due to fake tan may be asked to remove or reduce it.</p>	<p>Examples of acceptable make-up include light foundation, minimal mascara, and natural lip colour. Heavy, theatrical, or brightly coloured make-up is not allowed.</p> <p>Students who do not comply with the make-up or fake tan policy will be asked to correct their appearance.</p> <p>Repeated refusal to adhere to these expectations will be managed under the Academy's Behaviour Policy.</p>

Eyelashes and eyebrows	Additional Information
Natural eyelashes	No false eyelashes, including strip lashes, individual lashes, magnetic lashes, and lash extensions.
Natural eyebrows	No drawn-on eyebrows

Facial Piercings	Additional Information
No facial piercings , including no clear plastic retainers	No clear plastic retainers
No nose piercings	No clear plastic retainers
No tongue piercings	No clear plastic retainers
No eyebrow piercings	No clear plastic retainers
Nails	Additional Information
Natural nails	No nail varnish allowed, including French polish style
	No false/acrylic nails
	No gel type polish

Hair	Additional Information
Natural hair colour	No extreme dyed hair or unnatural hair colour. E.g., bright red.
Bows, headbands, bobbles, clips or scrunchies	These are acceptable in academy colours. E.g., purple, black or white.
Sensible hairstyles	No extreme styles. E.g., no shaved lines or patterns. Longer hair must be tied back for safety in all practical lessons. No beaded-styled hair.

Accessories	Additional Information
No non-prescription glasses	
Sensible non-drip water bottles only.	The bottle must fit into the school bag.